

Appendix B - DPH Annual Report 2014/15 – Summary of achievements

- Last year's Annual Report raised and described the issue of Mental Health within our population and described (in both childhood and adulthood) the widespread impact and inequality that this major health issue was causing locally.
- The publication of the Report was coupled with a new sense of priority around mental health services in the national NHS guidance and positively this year (2015/16) has seen significant investments in this major area of health burden and inequality.
- Moreover, it has been a major area of work in the health and well being board arena and joint work between the NHS and local government.
- Developments that have occurred include street triage services for residents in crisis, improved capacity and access to services and improvement in mental health prevention and promotion services.
- Whilst we are just seeing the impact on service experience for our residents this is the start of a long journey to achieve parity of esteem and understandably yet to be translated into improved outcomes for residents.
- We will review the indices around mental health as part of the JSNA annually and continue to review the trends on outcomes over the coming years.

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